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**Notice to motorists** – Hickam roads will be re-striped as well as crosswalks base wide. The work will be ongoing through Sept. 1. No road closures are scheduled but motorists should use caution while driving in areas where the contractor is working. For more information, contact David Arakawa at 449-7255

**Blood drive** – Team Hickam and the 352nd Information Operations Squadron are sponsoring a blood drive May 24 from 9 a.m. to 2 p.m. at the Hickam Community Center. Walk-ins are welcome; however, appointments are highly encouraged. For more information or to schedule an appointment, contact Staff Sgt. Rhonda Howard-Rayno, at 448-0149 or send an email to [Rhonda.Howard-Rayno@hickam.af.mil](mailto:Rhonda.Howard-Rayno@hickam.af.mil).

**Hickam National Test Center** – The National Test Center offers College Level Examination Program exams to all members of the Department of Defense and their families. CLEP exams are free to active-duty Reserves, National Guard and family members. For all others, there is a \$20 administration fee and \$55 examination fee. The National Test Center on Hickam will offer exams on Mondays and Wednesdays, conducting three test sessions each day. To schedule an exam call Hawaii Pacific University at 422-1032 more information, call the Airman and Family Readiness Flight at 449-0300.

**Keiki fishing tournament** – Deadline to sign up is June 9 for the Friends of Hickam's 7th Annual Keiki Fishing Tournament June 23, 11 a.m. to 4 p.m. Air Force children ages 5 to 12-years-old are eligible to participate. The event is a full day of free food, prizes and trophies, fishing and fun. Get an application form and details from a

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# Housing earns safety award

By Ryan Mielke

Hickam Community Housing Deputy Asset manager

If someone has ever seen the photo by Charles C. Ebbets that shows construction workers precariously taking a break on a steel girder in New York in 1932, then he might have guessed that workplace safety was not always a priority. Seventy-four years later, things are different, especially at Hickam.

While they may not be perched atop a 500-foot skyscraper, Hickam Community Housing and Actus Lend Lease maintenance and construction workers and subcontractors have set a milestone in workplace safety recently by being recognized for going more than 250,000 man-hours, collectively, without a single lost workday due to a safety incident or injury – an almost unheard-of accomplishment in the construction industry.

The Award for Safety practices and recognition of Hickam's privatized housing team came from Zurich Financial Services, an insurance-based financial services provider. Through its offices in more than 50 countries, 62,000 Zurich employees serve clients in more than 120 countries. In North

America, Zurich is a leading commercial property-casualty insurance provider serving the global corporate, large corporate, middle market, small business, specialties



Photo by Charles C. Ebbets

Eleven workers take a lunch break during construction of the Rockefeller Center in New York in 1932.

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## Hickam youth wins essay prize

By Kirsten Tacker

Kukini Photojournalist

As a creative class assignment, second grader Brian Tulaba, Jr. entered the 2006 Armed Services YMCA essay contest and was awarded the grand prize for having the best essay on why I'm proud of my military family.

Brian, a student from Hickam Elementary, received a \$150 gift certificate, which he promptly invested in a game system and after school ice cream snacks for his classmates.

The contest received more than 300 entries and was open to all military dependents of retired or active-duty members in first through sixth grade.

Writing an essay or speaking in public was not on Brian's list of things he wanted to do.

"Brian came home complaining, he didn't want to do it," said Staff Sgt. Brian Tulaba, Sr., 15th Communications Squadron. "Not only did he have to write the essay, he had to write an outline and after that he had to write a draft. Then after that he was allowed to write the essay. He said if he had to enter next year, he doesn't think he will unless his

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## Welcome home Daddy



Photos by Angela Elbern

Above: Staff Sgt. Jason Lenhart, 15th Civil Engineer Squadron, receives a warm welcome home from his daughter Cloey, 4-years-old during a welcome home ceremony for more than 50 Hickam members May 10.



Left: Alyssa Turner and 5-month-old daughter London, welcome home Staff Sgt. Benjamin Turner, 15th Civil Engineer Squadron.

## New service dress prototypes peak interest

By Master Sgt. Mitch Gettle

Air Force Print News

WASHINGTON – Based on feedback received during visits with Airmen across the Air Force, the Air Force Uniform Board is reviewing several notional concepts that Airmen have suggested regarding the appearance of the service dress uniform.

Some of the informal feedback about the current service dress includes Airmen wanting to revamp the service dress to look more military, like the other services. One senior airman said, "The current uniform resembles a cheesy business suit." Another staff sergeant said, "Think world's most dominating air power, not CEO," and another described it as a "cheap leisure suit."

Other comments have suggested that the uniform needs to reflect the Air Force's history more. On an Internet message board an Airman recently wrote, "I want to look good and be proud of my AF heritage." Another Airman wrote that the dress uniform pales in comparison to any of the other services. "We need something that distinguishes us as proud members of the U.S. military."

The Air Force began exploring these ideas by producing several prototypes

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# Hickam NCO Academy Class 06-2 graduates

By Senior Master Sgt. Tammy Whitney-Rush

Professional Military Education Center Director of Education

The Hickam Professional Military Education Center hosted the graduation banquet for NCO Academy Class 06-2 Wednesday at the Tradewinds Enlisted Club. Chief Master Sergeant James LeVack, 15th Airlift Wing Command Chief, was the guest speaker for the event.

Tech. Sgt. Mark Jensen, 15th Civil Engineer Squadron, garnered top honors as the John L. Levitow Award recipient. Tech. Sgt. Donna Dickson,

18th Mission Support Squadron at Kadena Air Force Base, earned the Commandant Award. Tech. Sgt. Edward Keenan, 15th Security Forces Squadron, earned the Academic Achievement and the Distinguished Graduate Award. Other Distinguished Graduates included Tech. Sgt. Brian Gross, 324th Intelligence Squadron, Tech. Sgt. Nicole Johnson, U.S. Pacific Command, and Tech. Sgt. Sabrina Moseley, 18th Mission Support Squadron, Kadena.

During the 28-day course, the students were administered four written tests on human resource and organizational management. Each student completed four editing assignments, three briefings, four writing assignments, as well as two interpersonal communication sessions. During their off-duty time, the students participated in three community projects over the past six weeks. On Earth Day, they worked to clean up the shoreline at Pu'uiki Point in Waialua, removing four 25-foot trailers full of waste. Additionally, students volunteered their time at the Airman's Attic and assisted the faculty with the school sponsored Adopt-a-Highway cleanup program. Upon graduation from the NCO Academy, each student receives twelve college credits from the Community College

of the Air Force. Graduation from the NCO Academy completes the second of four levels of enlisted professional military education. The graduates of NCO Academy Class 06-2 are:

**15th Aeromedical Dental Squadron**

Tamara Williams

**15th Aircraft Maintenance Squadron**

Peter Davis

**15th Airlift Wing**

Rodney Ford

Ariane Freeman

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# SECAF: Service before self

By Michael Wynne  
Secretary of the Air Force

This past February, in my Letter to Airmen addressing our three USAF Core Values, I shared these thoughts on Service Before Self:

It is not the same as "service," a value also claimed by some civilian institutions and corporations. Our service requires sacrifice and commitment to our Nation.

We understand we make decisions in an environment where freedoms are on the line, and lives are at stake. Service Before Self begins with duty, but it means more: It means that, in our Air Force, as we fly and fight in war and peace, going above-and-beyond- the-call-of-duty is not the exception--it is the rule.

It is the rule because every Airman is an expeditionary Airman, whom the Joint Team counts on every day to be trained and battle ready. Delivering

sovereign options for the defense of the United States of America and its global interests requires self-sacrifice.

As I visit and work with Airmen around the world, I could not be prouder of the many ways that you sacrifice for Service Before Self, whether the mission is combat operations or humanitarian relief. The aftermath of Hurricane Katrina provides a great example. Many of our critical search and rescue Airmen who had just returned from Operation Iraqi Freedom deployments immediately went to rescue Americans from rooftops in New Orleans instead of taking a well-earned leave.

Another example of such Service Before Self is the remarkable number of Air Force Reservists and Air National Guardsmen who volunteer for deployments. At great sacrifice to their families and often at the expense of their private businesses, they continue to volunteer to contribute to the

fight. Their service allows our Air Force leaders to integrate them into units creating a truly seamless Total Force for the Joint Team.

Your service in the Air Force--with all the risks and sacrifices that service demands--is service to our nation, to its values, and to its dreams. The participation in "wingman" programs to enhance relationships and security to fellow airmen is yet a further example.

Everything we have done--and everything we will do--begins with an oath that changes our lives. We understand that the nation depends upon us to live up to that oath. We understand that, as we serve on the front lines of freedom, our promise to serve must come before all else.

On behalf of the Air Force, and on behalf of a grateful nation, I thank you for your dedication, your devotion, and your service before self. I salute you all.

# JPAC: Keeping sacred promise

By Army Brig. Gen. Michael Flowers  
Joint POW/MIA Accounting Command commander

The Joint POW/MIA Accounting Command is located on Hickam and Camp Smith. Our mission is to achieve the fullest possible accounting of all Americans missing as a part of the nations past conflicts.

JPAC personnel search for, recover and identify the remains of Americans unaccounted for from World War II through the Persian Gulf War. We even have two sets of remains from the Civil War and last year we returned our first World War I Soldiers to their family members.

You may remember the name Leo Mustonen AKA the "Ice Man" who was found in a California Glacier, brought to JPAC, identified and returned to family. Though he was highly visible in the media, he was treated like we treat every case at JPAC.

They have had to work in high altitude (we have been up to 14,000 feet), rappel down cliffs, work under water and in deep hot jungle.

JPAC members work on aircraft crash sites that can be as big as a football field or on individual battlefield cases as small as a four-by-four grid.

At the end of the mission, the remains of individuals found are returned to Hickam with military honors and an arrival ceremony.

The arrival ceremony is conducted with a joint service honor guard and senior officers from each service. Also, a contingency of local veterans organizations are there rain or shine. The remains are then taken to the Central Identification Lab where a team of anthropologists and odontologists work toward one goal; making an identification.

The Central Identification Lab identifies roughly two Americans a week. Some cases are completed in just a few months while others take years.

Each case begins with an Investigation Team which consists of JPAC historians and analysts. They study records, archives and conduct interviews.

When enough evidence is gathered, an Investigative Team is sent to the potential sites. They survey and search for new leads but most importantly, determine whether to send in a recovery team to excavate the site.

Once the decision is made to excavate the site, JPAC sends in a Recovery Team consisting of 10 to 14 civilian and military members.

The team will spend 35 to 60 days in the field digging and sifting the site for human remains or artifacts such as dog tags and personal affects. This is comparable to a detective overseeing a crime scene.

Our teams work in the most austere places around the world.

Once a case is completed, the identified American is transferred to the appropriate service mortuary affairs office. Military members from these offices notify families personally of the identification. Some families have been waiting 30 to 50 years for answers.

Every American serving in uniform is made a promise that you will not be left behind. JPAC is keeping that promise to the fallen heroes of our past conflicts and to their families.

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## What does teamwork mean to you?

By Col. Bill "Goose" Changose  
15th Airlift Wing commander

This week kicked off a great event, appropriately titled the amazing race at Bellows AFS. This teambuilding exercise consisted of multiple eight-man teams each working to overcome various obstacles with the end goal of completion before all the other teams.

The Bellows team designed and created a fantastic course that required each team to really work together.

For many, the word teamwork reminds us of the first team sport we ever played. There was a coach with a very consistent message, "If you work and play as a team then you will win." Teamwork is also a concept that is instilled in each of us from the very beginning of our military training.

We learn that a goal may be achieved most efficiently and effectively with multiple people working towards the same objective. The mechanics of the team involve communication, coordination and compatibility. The team must communicate perfectly, they must coordinate their efforts towards the same exact goal, and they must be professionally compatible with one another.

As the military continues to draw down its resources it is imperative that we remember the team concept and realize that by working together we can and will achieve the mission. Simply putting a group of people together does not make a team. It takes time and commitment and, once functioning effectively, the team will recognize the benefit.

Congratulations to every team that made it through the



Photo by Angela Elbern

Col. Bill "Goose" Changose, 15th Airlift Wing commander, welcomes Hickam Airmen home from Iraq along with Command Chief Master Sgt. Jim LeVack, 15th Airlift Wing command chief.

rigorous course this week and, of course, to the team that really showed us what teamwork was all about - Congratulations Mission Support Squadron and Security Forces Team on your first place finish. Have a great weekend, take care of each other, be safe!

## Action Line

The Action Line is your direct link to me so we can work as a team to make Hickam a better community. I urge you to use the normal chain of command first.

If you have done this and are still not satisfied, give my commander's Action Line a call. If you would like me to get back to you, leave your name and number, state your issue, tell me who you have talked to and why you were not satisfied with their response.

I'll work your issue and respond verbally or in writing. The Action Line number is 449-2996. Messages may also be sent by e-mail to 15aw.pal@hickam.af.mil.

### Coffee bar

Comment: I was pleased

to see the young Airmen on base benefiting from the new dorm coffee bar. In addition, I know that Camp Smith and Makalapa both offer coffee kiosks in each respective headquarters building. It seems that the Pacific Air Forces Headquarters building would be a great place for a coffee bar or kiosk. I'm certain any number of local coffee businesses would jump at this opportunity.

Response: Thank you for your suggestion to open a coffee bar in the PACAF Headquarters Building. This type of concession falls under the jurisdiction of the Army and Air Force Exchange Service. Your request will be directed to the General Manager of the Hickam Main Exchange. In

the event they cannot open up a coffee bar in this location, they can approve the solicitation of an off-base vendor by our Contracting Squadron. If you have further questions or concerns, please call AAFES at 423-8632.

### Gate guards

Comment: The contractors on the gates need to wear reflective vests. I noticed this as soon as they took over that function and have actually been waiting for it to happen. I have almost, 3 times now, hit one of them. I do not go fast through the gate, having had to come to a complete stop to show my ID. These incidents have occurred when the guards are behind the small stand and behind

the lights. They wear dark clothes and they are hard to see. Thank you for your assistance.

Response: Thank you for bringing this to my attention. This is definitely a safety concern and has been corrected. A reflective vest is issued to each security guard. Thanks to your action line all AKAL personnel on Hickam will be required to wear these vests during hours of darkness, low visibility, and inclement weather. If you have any further questions or concerns feel free to contact Mike Allen, the AKAL site manager, at 448-2320. Thanks again for bringing this to my attention and for your concern for the safety of our gate guards.

## Hickam Diamond Tips

Cell Phone changes: Cell phones, pagers and personal digital assistants must be solid or covered in black, silver, dark blue or gray and must be conservative. May be clipped to the left side of waist band or purse or carried in left hand. Only one may be worn on the uniform belt. Members will not walk in uniform while using cell phones, radios, hands-free headsets unless required in the performance of official duties and using a government issued devise. You may only use hands-free headsets or earplugs in the performance of official duties using a government issued device.



Source: 97th Air Force Uniform Board Questions? Contact your First Sergeant

## Crisis Response lines

Hickam Family Support Center  
449-0300

Life Skills Support Center  
449-0175

Law Enforcement Desk  
449-6373

Base Chaplain  
449-1754

Military Family Abuse Shelter  
533-7125

SARC Hotline  
449-7272

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# Hickam Airmen earn CCAF degree

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that reflect a combination of ideas that have been gleaned from comments, suggestions and informal surveys conducted over the past several years.

A more formal survey soon will provide additional opportunities for Airmen to provide feedback and comments.

"We've been getting informal feedback on our current service dress uniform for several years, and what we consistently have heard from many Airmen is a desire for a more 'military,' and less 'corporate' look and feel, something more reflective of the Air Force's heritage, and its role as a professional military organization," said Brig. Gen. Robert Allardice, director of Airman development and sustainment, deputy chief of staff for manpower and personnel.

"The Uniform Board has come up with some options to explore these concepts and the initial prototypes are direct descendants of our heritage, rooted in Hap Arnold and Billy Mitchell's Air Force," General Allardice said.

The survey will provide a more formal opportunity to collect feedback on whether or not Airmen want a new service dress, and if so, what changes, likes, or dislikes



Photo by Staff Sgt. C. Todd Lopez  
**Brig. Gen. Robert Allardice and Senior Master Sgt. Dana Athnos show off prototypes of the Billy Mitchell heritage coat. General Allardice is director of Airmen development and sustainment and Sergeant Athnos is a member of the Air Force uniform board.**

they have about the prototypes.

"We believe we need to respond to the force and the constant flow of feedback we receive on the service dress is driving this initiative. We see this as an opportunity to do so, along with a chance to reflect on our rich history, as well as the image we wish to portray in uniform," said General Allardice. "We want to make sure our uniforms, all combinations, meet our current and future needs."

This process will use the standard Air Force Uniform Board process and as with the Airman's Battle Uniform, Airmen are encouraged to take the opportunity to directly contribute to how their new service uniform might look.

The Air Force will present options based on feedback received on possible service dress designs through the uniform board process.

## Surviving water



Photo by Tech. Sgt. Shane Cuomo  
**Staff Sgt. Matt Magnussen demonstrates how to flip over a LRU 16/P single man life raft May 1 during a water survival refresher course being held at the Hickam Harbor on Hickam. Sergeant Magnussen is the life support instructor from the 15th Operations Support Squadron.**

## Residents can help combat pesky bugs

**By Senior Airman Krystal Huckaby**  
15th Aeromedical Dental Squadron

Hawaii was recently recorded as the wettest place on earth after the forty days of rain that occurred during February and March. At the Honolulu Airport more rain was recorded in the first three months of 2006 than in all of 2005.

Now the rain has cleared, the sun has come out, and the mosquitoes have laid their eggs in water left standing from the rain. People living on and off base have the ability to help stop the spread of these pesky bugs.

"Housing residents can help reduce the

presence of mosquitoes in their neighborhoods by following some simple practices," said Maj. Janette Goodman, 15th Aeromedical Dental Squadron. "Check around the house for areas where water can collect, because that is where mosquitoes lay their eggs, in standing water. Eliminating the standing water will reduce the mosquito's population."

Eliminating standing water is the single most important thing a person can do to combat the spread of mosquitoes. Standing water can accumulate in many areas. The places to look in are water buckets, flower

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# Summer camps offered focused on building skills

Navy Region Hawaii MWR summer camps are open for registration. School will be ending soon, leaving a huge part of children and teens’ days unaccounted for. The wide array of summer camps offers unique opportunities for children, age 6 to 12 and teens, age 13 to 17 during the months of June and July. Programs are open to all family members of military active duty and to DoD civilians, unless specified otherwise.

One of the unique camps offered is Operation Purple. Created by NMFA, this camp is geared specifically for children and teens of all military branches whose active duty parents have been or will be deployed between May, 2005 and September, 2007. Here, they will be able to form their own supportive network and be with peers who know what they are going through. This special camp is free for all participants.

For the younger children, Operation Purple will be held at White Plains beach from July 17 to 21. In this overnighter camp, children will be able to express themselves creatively through military life arts and crafts and learn self-reliance and coping skills.

Teens will get to fly over for free to the Big Island for their Operation Purple at Kilauea Military Camp. From July 24 to 28, they will experience a part of the islands that most cannot imagine. They will witness the world’s most active volcano, walk through lava tubes and see

steam vents. Registration forms for both children and teen camps are available at [www.nmfa.org](http://www.nmfa.org).

The different camps offered appeal to children and teens’ interests and are designed to fit the parents’ needs and work schedule. Camp Adventure and Adventure Plus run from June 12 through July 28, Monday through Friday, from 6 a.m. to 6 p.m. Youths will participate in activities, sports and field trips that center around weekly themes.

Overnight camps are shorter but have an intense objective. Through Marimed Foundations, teenagers will sail on a three-day adventure to Kauai aboard a three-masted topsail schooner. Teen sail training and leadership adventures will be held on July 10 to 12 or July 13 to 15.

In sports camps, teens and youths will be able to focus and develop their physical talent on a specific sport. For those who prefer indoor activities, a cyber camp will be the place for youths to learn game design, digital photography and robotics.

Navy Region Hawaii MWR summer camps offer a variety of programs but space is limited. Programs are expected to fill fast, so registration should not be delayed. To find out more information or to register call 421-1556 (Catlin Clubhouse), 499-2572 (Iroquois Point Clubhouse) or visit [www.greatlifehawaii.com](http://www.greatlifehawaii.com).



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first sergeant. The first 250 eligible children will be accepted. Drop completed forms at the 15th Airlift Wing Public Affairs, Building 1110, Wing Headquarters, room 221. For more information, call Bette Kalohi, 449-9386.

**Fundraiser** – The Hickam African American Heritage Association is sponsoring a 2006 Spring Fever Fashion Show with all proceeds going towards the AAHA Scholarship Program. The fashion show is June 3 at the enlisted club. Tickets are currently on sale for \$20 in advance and \$25 at the door. Doors open at 7 p.m. and the show starts at 8 p.m. with a special guest performance by the Delta Sigma Theta Sorority Inc. For ticket sales, contact Staff Sgt. Candice Roberts at 449-7836 or email her at candice.roberts@hickam.af.mil.

**Volunteers needed** – The Hickam/Pearl Harbor American Red Cross is currently seeking volunteers for the following positions: office support staff and public speaking for pre-deployment briefs. Volunteer hours will be based on the availability of the volunteer. “We stop needing you when they stop needing us.” For more information, call the Red Cross office at 449-0166

**Thrift shop** – The Hickam Thrift Shop hours of operation are Monday, Wednesday and Friday from 9 a.m to 1 p.m. Consignments are accepted Mondays and Fridays from 9 to 11 a.m. The shop will be closed May 26 and 29 in observance of Memorial Day. Additional hours are the second Saturday of each month from 9 a.m. to 1 p.m. and the third Wednesday of each month from 5 to 8 p.m. Donations are always appreciated and can be dropped off at anytime in the shed located in front of the shop.

**Courses offered** – Embry-Riddle Aeronautical University will offer the following courses on Hickam for the summer term: Introduction to Space Navigation, Studies in Intelligence II, Industrial Hygiene and Toxicology, Aircraft Crash and Emergency Management, and The Air Transportation System. Term registration begins May 30. For more information, stop by Room 117 in Hangar 2 or visit the ERAU website at [www.erau.edu/hawaii](http://www.erau.edu/hawaii).

**Torch Run** – This Years Law Enforcement Torch Run named after Troy Barboza a Honolulu Police officer killed in the line of duty will take place May 26 at 6 p.m. The Law Enforcement Torch Run is

an event held annually since 1986 when 20 officers started carrying the “Flame of Hope” from the State Capitol to the State Summer Games. Officer Barboza’s dedication to Special Olympics resulted in the Torch Run being the only one in the world named after someone. Transportation will be provided to and from the event. The Bus will depart at 4:30 p.m. from the 15th Airlift Wing headquarters building in the grassy mall area. All money donated will go to the Special Olympics here on the Islands. People interested in donating money, purchasing T-Shirts or who want to participate in the run can contact 1st Lt Anthony McCarty at 449-2645 or e-mail at Antho-

ny.McCarty@hickam.af.mil or SSgt Sean Hannah at 449-2645 or e-mail at Sean.Hannah@hickam.af.mil.

**Christian singer in concert** – Internationally acclaimed Christian singer/songwriter Danny Byram will be appearing in concert at Nelles Chapel on June 7 at 6:30 p.m. The award-winning Contemporary Christian musician and producer will perform on guitar and piano. The concert is free and open to the public. Danny will also be presenting a free Christian music training conference on June 7 and 8, at Nelles Chapel at 6:30 p.m. For questions please contact Chaplain, Capt. David DePinho at 864-9095 or 449-1754.



**Damage to private property**

An Air Force member reported damages to his vehicle.

**Theft of private property**

An Air Force member reported her purse missing along with her military identification card while site-seeing off-base.

**Theft of private/government property**

An Air Force civilian employee reported her purse missing along with her

Department of Defense (DoD) identification card.

**Theft of private property**

An Air Force civilian contractor reported construction equipment was stolen from his company vehicle after returning from the restroom. The items were later found on the street.

**Damage to government property/vandalism**

An Air Force member reported witnessing two juveniles vandalizing the playground equipment at Ohana Nui Circle Park.

**Theft of government property**

An Air Force member reported his vehicle stolen along with his NBC gear from his off-base residence. Estimated cost of the stolen equipment: \$2,000.

# MOSQUITO,

From A3

pots, bird baths, animal feeders and children’s swimming pools.

“Anything that can hold water should be changed often. Certain types of plants are great breeding grounds for mosquitoes,” said Major Goodman. “Spraying them twice a week will prevent mosquitoes from laying their eggs.

“Look past the yard. Check for trash and debris that can collect water. Recycle bins are water collectors because it gets in the open containers. Storage sheds can become breeding grounds too. Keep the doors tightly closed to avoid water from collecting inside,” she added.

Keeping rain gutters clean by removing dead leaves and debris will let the water run freely so none can pool up, also flat roofs have the ability to collect water, so that is another area to check.

Now that the residents have taken care of the standing water and other damp areas around the property, the other concern is keeping the mosquitoes from getting in their houses and biting them and their families.

Repair screens on windows and doors. Make sure the screen is bug proofed so insects cannot enter the house. Be sure that all areas completely sealed and screen doors should open outward and have automatic closing devices.

“Screens that are broken and doors left open are the number one reasons flying insects get into a house,” said Major Goodman. “Also replace outdoor lighting with yellow bug-lights. That will help reduce the amount of mosquitoes around a home at night.

Mosquitoes usually come at dawn and dusk. When outside at this time, wear light colored, long sleeved shirts and pants with shoes and socks. Keep in mind electronic bug killers or ultrasonic repellents are not effective against mosquitoes.

While outside during high-risk times or in high-risk areas spray mosquito repellant on exposed skin and clothing.

“Mosquitoes can bite through most cotton T-shirts and tight fitting clothing. Using the right strength of DEET (an ingredient in mosquito repellant) is just as important; purchase repellants with at least 30 percent DEET,” said Major Goodman. “Be careful not to get the repellent in your eyes, mouth or nose. Also do not use DEET on children less than two months old; keep them indoors or use a mosquito net over their carriers and strollers.”

Preventing mosquitoes from breeding will greatly reduce Hawaii’s risk of West Nile Virus. The risk of West Nile can be greatly reduced if mosquitoes do not have places to lay eggs. West Nile virus is still a viable threat to Hawaii, however, residents of Hickam and surrounding communities can reduce this threat by taking simple precautions.

For more information on mosquito prevention or West Nile Virus, contact Public Health at 448-2268.

# ESSAY, From A1

teacher makes him again.”

Winning the grand prize made it all worth it for him, but he struggled writing the draft.

“The draft is the first time you write and you are saying ‘what should I write next,’” said Brian. “You have the outline, but that doesn’t really tell you much about it. The outline is the skeleton and the draft is filling the parts in like the skin and muscles.”

Every ounce of struggle on the draft paid off when a letter came by mail identifying Brian as the overall grand prize winner of the essay contest.

“One of the judges said there was no doubt in their mind, all they had to do was read it once and they knew immediately he was the grand prize winner,” said Sergeant Tulaba.

Brian said it felt great being the big winner, but had no desire to read his essay in front of everybody.

“All the first prize winners from first through sixth grade read their essay,” said Sergeant Tulaba. “They had a first, second and third prize for each grade and an overall grand prize. People did it in different ways. Some people just wrote about their dad and why their military family was so important because of their dad and what he did in the military.”

As they listened to the winners read their essays Sergeant Tulaba could barely hear them, so he leaned over to give his son some fatherly advice before it was his turn to read his essay.

“My dad said, speak loud, so I did,” said Brian.

“Believe it or not he was actu-

ally the loudest,” said Sergeant Tulaba. “The microphone and speaker system they had, people were talking in their normal voice and you could hardly hear them. So that is why I said to him, make sure you speak louder that way everybody could hear you.”

Loudly and clearly he shared that he and his family walked the Relay for Life for cancer research. They helped build a house for people less fortunate and went to the soup kitchen and served people that were hungry.

He likes moving to new places and trying new foods, but most important he wanted everyone to know why he is most proud of his military family and that is because of the respect they show to the United States.

“We are so proud of him,” concluded Sergeant Tulaba



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**GRADUATES,** From A1

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Chester Balderson  
Matthew Stewart  
**15th Comptroller Squadron**  
Toni Webster  
**15th Contracting Squadron**  
Larry Conger  
**15th Medical Operations Squadron**  
Melissa Miller  
**15th Mission Support Squadron**  
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**502nd Air Operations Squadron**  
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**Pacific Command**  
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**369th Recruiting Squadron**  
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***Re-deploying***



Photo by Tech. Sgt. Tom Czerwinski

Airman 1st Class Rebecca Chavez, 15th Civil Engineer Squadron, gets blood drawn by Staff Sgt. Alan Mann, a 15th Medical Group Lab technician, during the redeployment line May 12. Airman Chavez was one of more than 50 Hickam Airmen returning from a four-month deployment to Iraq in support of Operation Iraqi Freedom.

SAFETY,

From A1

and programs sectors. Part of Zurich’s job is keeping close tabs on safety programs with its clients around the globe.

It was very gratifying to get the recognition from Zurich, said Damon Bonneau, Safety Manager for HCH and Actus. “We put in place multiple programs to keep our team safe, such as our Hazard Hunt Program, which recognizes and rewards workers who iden-

tify potential hazards in the community that could affect our residents.”

If someone happens to walk by one of HCH’s new homes or renovated homes with new solar panels, he may notice small steel rings anchored to the rooftops. These innocuous looking rings can save lives, according to Mr. Bonneau.

“We require all of our workers to be linked to one

of these rings whenever they are on one of our rooftops,” said Mr. Bonneau. “Tethered by retractable straps designed to react similar to seatbelts in a car, a worker can be safe from a potential fall.”

“Both HCH and Actus ensure workers understand a philosophy and way of life of an incident and injury-free workplace,” said Mr. Bonneau. “This is more than a mere safety

program. It’s really an understanding that everything we do, on and off the jobsite, affects our lives, our loved ones and our future.

“The recognition that we received is really an acknowledgment that our workers take to heart a simple fact,” added Mr. Bonneau. Workers should care for each other, look out for each other, so we can all make it home safely each

day to be with our friends and families.

“Every year, hundreds construction workers don’t make it back home in the same condition they left for work, and that’s a tragic and unfortunately common occurrence,” he continued. “At Hickam Community Housing and Actus Lend Lease, our residents can know that we place safety first. For the families of every single worker on our

team over the last year, they should already know and have comfort that even if their loved ones are working high above ground or in an environment that could have many hazards, we are doing all we can to ensure they make it home.”

A robust safety program designed so every worker makes it home everyday; something the workers atop the Rockefeller Center in 1932 did not have.





**Yoga by the sea**

Come to Foster’s Point Monday at 11:30 a.m. Please bring water. Free to ID card holders.

**Sand Blastin’ Beach Volleyball**

It’s not too late to register your four-person coed team. The fun begins on Thursday at 10 a.m., but participants must sign up by Tuesday.

**“Bikini Slimming II” Aerobathon**

Join us for round 2 and knockout a great workout before heading out to the beach. Come to the fitness

center May 29 from 9:30 a.m. to noon.

**Basic training**

There’s no need to be sworn in, but you can still stay in great shape. Classes are every Monday, Wednesday and Friday from 7 a.m. to 8 a.m. and have a freestyle format that includes various aerobic and straight conditioning moves. The group’s open to the public, but active duty have priority.

**Armed Forces kids run**

Encourage children to join other kids on the run Saturday at 8 a.m. in Aloha ‘Aina Park. They can still pre-register through today. Applications can be picked up at Kidsports, the School Age Center, the Community Center or online at [www.americaskidsrun.org](http://www.americaskidsrun.org). For more information, call 448-2319

or 448-4396.

**Pre-teen summer day camp**

These are the kind of summer memories that will last a lifetime. Teens won’t want to miss the Hickam Teen Center’s six-week camp program that runs daily from June 12 to July 21; 9 a.m. to 3 p.m. daily. Registration is \$60 and has just begun. For more information, call 448-2296.

**Summer Basketball Camp**

If shooting hoops is their passion, enroll children in Summer Basketball Camp. Summer on the court starts July 8 and keeps dribbling until August 12. Youths born between 1990 and 2001 can join, learn basketball funda-

mentals, skill development and play in scrimmages. Please note that this is not a league. For more information, call 448-4492.

**Kindermusik**

They can make their own kind of music from home materials while the whole family enjoys time together. This child-centered program helps children develop musically and in many other ways through fun music and movement activities. The cost is \$75 – \$150 for an 8 – 10 week session. For information about special summer sessions, call 449-3354.

**Memorial Day Special**

May 29 from noon to 4 p.m.,

Thunder Alley bowling is just \$2 per game.

**Asian Pacific Luncheon**

Celebrate Asian Pacific Heritage month on Thursday, May 25 with an exotic and appetizing Far East menu at 11 a.m. at the enlisted club. Just \$10; \$8 with a Members First discount. For more information call 448-2271.

**Father's Day Feast**

Dad's Day is June 18, so bring him on in to enjoy the officer’s club Sunday Brunch Buffet on the Lanai. Treat a home's hero to a delicious meal for \$18.95 for non-members with a \$2 Members First discount and

an additional \$2 off for all fathers. Children 7 to 12 are \$5.95; 3 to 6 are \$3.75; and children 2 and under eat for free. Reservations are necessary for the two seatings at 10 a.m. and noon. Call 448-4608 x 11.

**Father's Day Brunch**

Dad will eat up all the attention as well as the buffet that doesn't seem to end. Make reservations at the enlisted club for either the 10 a.m. or 12:30 p.m. seating. \$20.95 includes gratuity and you can get a \$2 Members First discount.

Youths 7 to 12 are \$10.50; 3 to 6 are \$5.95 and children under 2 are free. Tickets are required. Call 448-2271.